REPORTS AND MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND WELFARE

SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR (Karnataka): Madam, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Standing Committee on Labour and Welfare and Minutes of the Sittings of the Committee relating thereto:--

(1) Thirteenth Report of the Standing Committee on Labour and Welfare on the National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Mental Retardation and Cerebral Palsy Bill, 1991.

(2) Fourteenth Report of the Standing Committee on Labour and Welfare on the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 1995.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that Shri Viren J. Shah has gone abroad. He is not in a position to attend the House during the remaining part of the current Session. He has, therefore, requested for leave of absence for the remaining part of the current Session.

Is it the pleasure of the House that permission be granted to Shri Viren J. Shah for remaining absent from all meetings of the House during the remaining period of the current Session?

(No. hon. Member dissented)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Permission to remain absent is granted.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Price Policy for Copra for 1995 Season

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Chavan Saheb, there is one more thing. There was a statement which was laid yesterday regarding the price policy for copra in the Lok Sabha. They want to lay it here also. In our House, on a statement, we always have clarifications. We were in the process of a discussion. I said, "You can lay it on the Table of the House". And, whenever the House is free, we will take up the clarifications. You can have the clarifications. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI M.A. BABY (Kerala): Madam, this is an issue which people from all over the southern States are very much concerned about.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am allowing a discussion. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI M.A. BABY: We can allow the Minister to lay it on the Table now. But, at a later stage, we will have to seek clarifications.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have said it. Mr. Baby, the unfortunation part is that the humming in the House goes on too much and Members do not listen when I make a statement from the Chair. Thirdly, if you do not mind, I will make a comment. Members want me to repeat my ruling so that it is reported in papers, "This Member made this point". Never mind, you take the credit for it. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI M.A. BABY: We are very much concerned about that.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have said that we can take it up whenever the House is free. We can seek clarifications. But as we are in the process of a discussion, I said, "Just lay it now". The right of our Members is not curtailed.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): Madam, the Government of India has fixed the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Fair Average Quality (FAQ) of milling copra at Rs. 2,500/- per quintal and that of FAQ variety of ball copra at Rs. 2,725/- per quintal for 1995 season. This marks an increase of Rs. 150 per quintal of MSP for both milling and ball copra in 1995 over their respective MSPs of the previous season. The increase in MSPs is expected to induce the copra growers to invest more and raise the productivity and production of copra.

RE: DOORDARSHAN'S COVERAGE OF RAJYA SABHA PROCEEDINGS

श्री दिग्विजय सिंह (बिहार): उपसभापति महोदया, मुझे एक मिनट बोलने का मौका दें। इस सदन की

अवमानना का सवाल है उपसभापति महोदया। कल दूरदर्शन पर, इतनी अच्छी बहस सदन में की गई, इस सदन की कार्यवाही को और लोक सभा की, दोनों को दिखाया जाता है तो इसमें राज्य सभा की हमेशा उपेक्षा की जाती है। कल राज्य सभा का कोई जिक्र इस सवाल पर नहीं आया। इतनी अच्छी बहस हुई, इतना अच्छा लोगों ने कंट्रीब्यूशन दिया, उसका कोई जिक्र नहीं आया। इसलिए मैं सरकार से आपके माध्यम से यह आग्रह करना चाहता हूं कि सरकार जब भी दूरदर्शन का डायरेक्ट रिले होता है या दूसरे दिन दिखलाने का काम होता है दूरदर्शन पर, उसकी पूरी की पूरी कवरेज राज्य सभा को भी दी जाए। यह इस सदन की अवमानना का सवाल है क्योंकि लोगों में यह भावना फैलती है कि लोक सभा को तो पूरा दिखाया जाता है, राज्य सभा का कोई ज़िक्र ही नहीं हो रहा है। *इसलिए जहां एक ओर यह सदन के सम्मान का सवाल है,* वहीं दूसरी ओर मैं सरकार का ध्यान आकर्षित करना चाहता हूं कि दोनों सदनों को बराबर दूरदर्शन पर कवरेज दी जाए।

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह (बिहार): मैडम, मैं इनको सपोर्ट करता हूं। बिलकुल सही बात है, मेरा भी अपना तजुर्बा है और महोदया, कई बार मैं यहां पर कह भी चुका हूं लेकिन इसके साथ एक और भी मैं कहना चाहता हूं कि दूरदर्शन में जो भ्रष्ट भाषा का प्रयोग हो रहा है, अंग्रेजी हो तो कम्प्लीट अंग्रेज़ी हो, उर्दू हो तो कम्प्लीट उर्दू हो और हिंदी हो तो पूरे तौर से हिंदी हो। मैं चाहता हूं कि आपके माध्यम से दूरदर्शन तक यह आवाज़ पहुंचे कि संस्कार भ्रष्ट हो रहे हैं, भाषा भ्रष्ट हो रही है और संस्कृति भ्रष्ट हो रही है और दिग्विजय सिंह जी ने बिलकुल सही कहा है कि राज्य सभा की कार्यवाही जब भी दिखाई जाती है, कायदे से नहीं दिखाई जाती है और मेरा यह भी उसमें कहना है कि उसमें पक्षपात का नज़रिया भी रहता है, यह भी मैं कहना चाहता हूं।

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): Madam, I would like to associate myself with Mr. Digvijay Singh. It is heartening to note that in the National News Bulletin — both in Hindi and English--the proceedings of Lok Sahba are shown along with the news. This practice that has been started by Doordarshan is a welcome move. But, Rajya Sabha has been completely backed out by Doordarshan. I do not know why it is so. Why do they want to discriminate between Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha? (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let us not compare it with Lok Sabha. We want the proceedings of Lok Sabha as well as the proceedings of Rajya Sabha to be shown.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY. If they want to show the proceedings of Lok Sahba for a longer time, I don't have any complaint. But, they should not discriminate against Rajya Sabha. Both the Houses are to be given due respect by Doordarshan and the Minister has to respond to it.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Minister is not there. So, he can't respond just now

होम मिनिस्टर कुछ और बात कह रहे हैं।

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): Madam, I would like to submit that this morning I had a meeting with some of the leaders of the Opposition and at least it has created some kind of a hope that we are narrowing down the differences to the extent possible. I would request you and the indulgence of the House also to postpone the voting on the Criminal Law Amendment Bill for one day

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN. Then we will have our customary 1½ hour Special Mentions and the Budget discussion because we have to pass the Budget.

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI (Uttar Pradesh). What will be the schedule? At what time do you want to have it tomorrow?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Home Minister, Mr. Joshi is asking at what time you want to have it tomorrow

SHRI S.B. CHAVAN: If the Chair were to allow it, immediately after the Question Hour tomorrow

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY. Madam, what about the Calling Attention Motion which is fixed for tomorrow?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: What is it about? We will shift it to the day after tomorrow. We will sit a little late till it is over in the evening. Never mind. But the Criminal Law Amendment Bill has to be passed. Shri Manmohan Singh is here and Shrimati Margaret Alva is requesting that as the Budget discussion is not complete.....

.....we have not started the discussion on the Appropriation Bill and the Finance Bill which are being reported in this House. Will the House take into consideration what we shall do? (व्यवधान) मैंने आपसे नहीं पूछा है। मैं पूरे हाऊस से पूछ रही हूं। (व्यवधान) आप बैठ जाइये । Let me speak to the Members.

श्री ईश दत्त यादव: क्या हम हाऊस के बाहर है (व्यवधान)

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: What is your suggestion?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Though I have cleared a few Special Mentions, I feel let us make a short contribution and finish it as soon as we can. We can dispense with the lunch hour. It is only for the Members to contribute to the speeches on the Budget.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: As you like, Madam.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Or if the House so agrees, we can curtail the time. Decide what you want. I don't mind having a meeting with the leaders; come to an agreement somewhere because we cannot stretch the time and we are not able to extend the time of the House.

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह: आज खत्म कर दीजिये।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Then let us have the Special Mentions in the evening. Sure? This is what the House agrees to. .....*(Interruptions)*....

SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Madam, please take up Special Mentions first.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Those who give notices for Special Mentions have their personal interest, but I think the larger interest of the House should be taken into account. Five hours are left for the Budget and three hours for the Appropriation Bill and the Finance Bill. Then how are we going to finish it?

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: The Budget should be taken up today only.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Then what about the Special Mentions?

SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: After the Budget discussion is over, the Appropriation Bill and the Finance Bill should be taken up tomorrow.

SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Madam, it is our practice that Special Mentions come after twelve and not in the evening.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Sometimes it happens. Sometimes, Mr. Malkani.

SHRI K.R. MALKANI: It happens too often.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is not really so. It doesn't make much difference to me. It really doesn't make any difference to me at all, what you take up first. It is, after all, your time, your House, your subject, not mine. Because Mr. Malkani's name is first, his interest is first. Okay. Speak first. Let me call you. I did not add these names--Sangh Priya Gautam and Mr. Virumbi. I only cleared the name of Smt. Sarala Maheshwari on the Closure of Nehru Memorial Museum. No association. Mr Malkani.

RE. U.S. SURVEILLANCE ON INDIAN OCEAN

SHRI K.R. MALKANI (Delhi): Madam Deputy Chairperson, there is a press report today that the Government of India has agreed to open